



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

ROBINSON *et al.*

Appl. No.: 10/040,945

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For: **Modular Assembly of Antibody
Genes, Antibodies Prepared
Thereby and Use**

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Art Unit: 1642

Examiner: Helms, Larry Ronald

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Reply to Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated April 23, 2004, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by claims 1-6 and 16. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

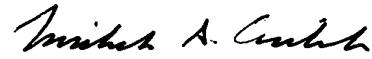
This election is made with traverse. Applicants respectfully assert that there would not be an undue burden on the Examiner to search all of the groups. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees

required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No.
19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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